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SUBJECT: CONTRIBUTED FUNDS

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1. THIS POST HAS FUND OF ABOUT 850.00 DOLLS, LARGELY IN ITAL-
IAN LIRE, CONTRIBUTED BY LEADERS OF LOCAL AMERICAN BUSINESS
COMMUNITY SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND WELL BEFORE ARRIVAL OF
PRESENT PRINCIPAL OFFICER IN JULY 1973. EXACT AMOUNT OF
DOLLAR EQUIVALENT OF FUND DEPENDS ON LIRA/DOLLAR EXCHANGE
RATE WHICH IS CHANGING DAILY. PURPOSE OF FUND IS TO PROVIDE
SMALL LOANS TO TRANSIENT AMERICAN CITIZENS FOR TEMPORARY
EMERGENCIES FOR WHICH NO OFFICIAL FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.
ABOUT ONE HALF LOANS ARE REPAYED. LOANS MADE AT ABSOLUTE
DISCRETION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER. BULK OF FUNDS KEPT IN
INTEREST BEARING JOINT ACCOUNT IN LOCAL BRANCH OF BANK OF
AMERICA IN NAMES OF PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND CONSULATE S
ITALIAN AGENT CASHIER. CASH ON HAND IS KEPT IN VAULT
UNDER EXCLUSIVE CONTROL OF AMERICAN OFFICERS.

2. LOANS AVERAGE 20-30 DOLLS EACH AND TOTAL ANNUAL LENDING
IS AROUND 100-150 DOLLS. BELIEVE POST SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED
TO CONTINUE DISBURSEMENTS ON PRESENT BASIS SINCE FUND
CLEARLY MEETING OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH IT WAS PRIVATELY
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